

Innovations Affecting 21st Century General Aviation Airports



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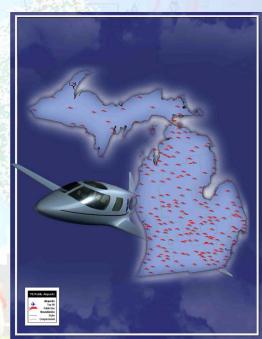
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Outline

- Studies reveal the cost and service thresholds for on-demand, widely distributed air travel alternatives to hub-and-spoke and highway travel.
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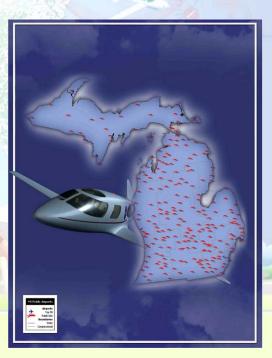
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Innovations Affecting **21st Century Airports**

- All-Digital Cockpit Systems
- Airborne Internet
- Airport Management Device
- Non-towered airports procedures
- No-radar operations
- No traditional terrestrial navaids
- Airport Databus
- Land Use Efficiencies
- Runway Use Efficiencies





- Moore's Law on microprocessor performance
- Gilder's Law on bandwidth performance
- Metcalf's Law on network performance
- The unwritten law of abundance
- The unwritten rule of gridlock
- Kurzweil's Law of Accelerating Returns
- The Golden Rule of the information age



The NASA Mission

To understand and protect our home planet To explore the Universe and search for life To inspire the next generation of explorers

... as only NASA can.



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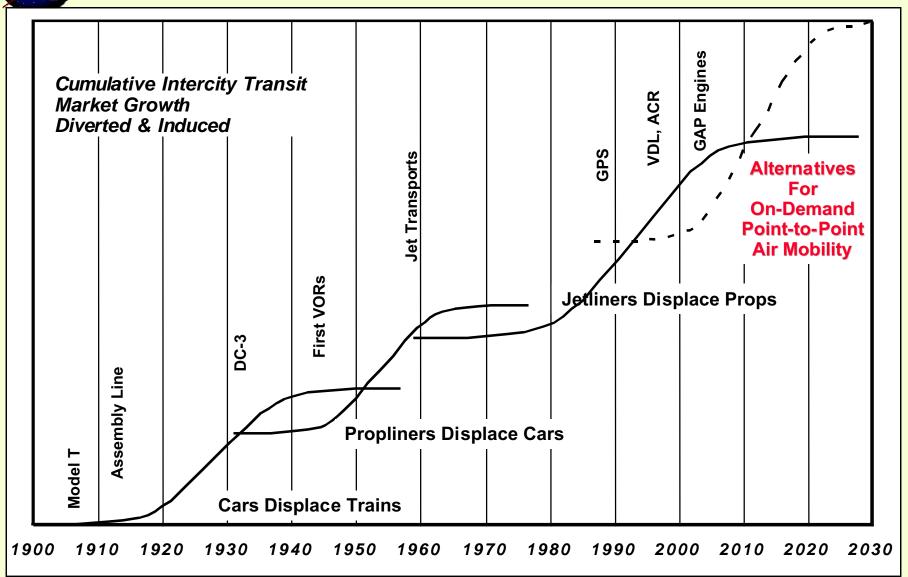


The Difficulty About Predictions...

- "The telephone has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication."
 - Western Union executive, 1876
- "The problem with television is that the people must sit and keep their eyes glued on a screen; the average American family hasn't time for it."
 NY Times, 1939 (World's Fair)
- "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."
 - IBM Chairman Thomas Watson, 1943
- "Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons."
 - Popular Mechanics, 1949
- "There is no reason for individuals to have a computer in their home."
 - DEC Chairman Ken Olson (DEC), 1977
- "640,000 bytes of memory ought to be enough for anybody."
 - Microsoft Chief Software Architect Bill Gates, 1981

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Notional Life Cycles in Higher-Speed, Longer-Range Daily Travel



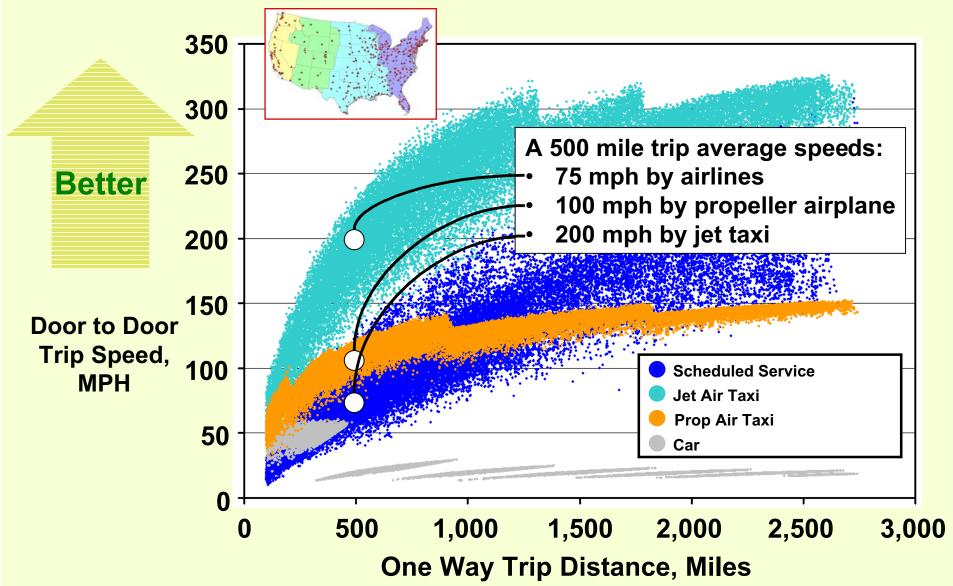


Integrated Advancements In Airspace and Aircraft

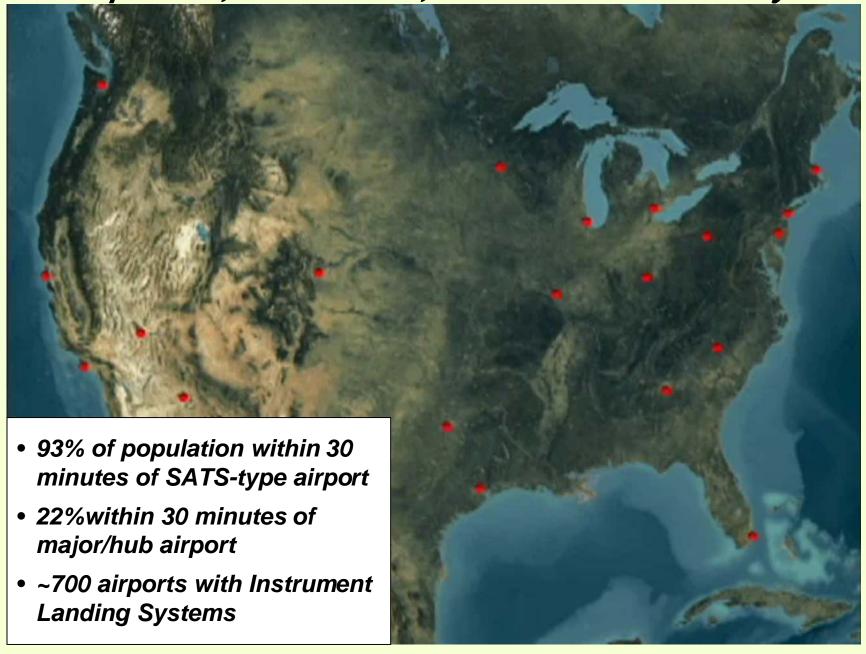




If Time is Gold Then Door-to-Door Speed is the Coin of the Realm



Equitable, On-Demand, Distributed Air Mobility





Public-Private Consortium Membership











UPPER GREAT PLAINS







NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR AVIATION MOBILITY (NCAM)



FAA Roles

AVR-SATS Team on Certification Issues

- Aircraft Certification
- Flight Standards Services
- Provide consultation to SATS on airworthiness certification policies, processes and operations
- Recommend FAA policy development necessary for new technology applications
- Facilitate certification of SATS deliverables within AVR organization and procedures
- Operational approvals for SATS demonstration flights.

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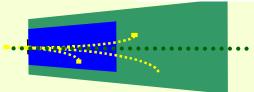
Small Aircraft Transportation System Project

Operating Capabilities for Access to All Communities/

Higher Volume Operations in Non-Radar Airspace and at Non-Towered Airports



Lower Landing Minimums at Minimally Equipped Landing Facilities



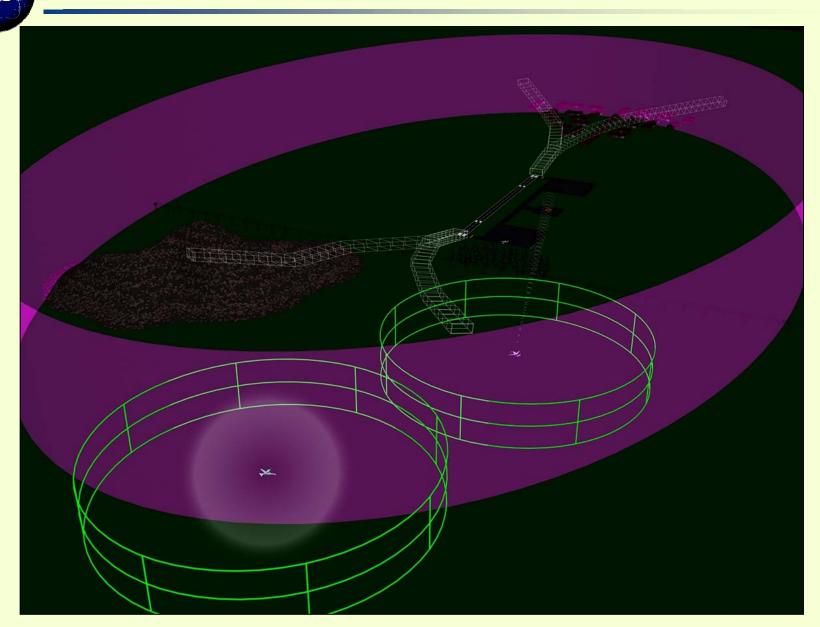
Increase Single-Pilot Crew Safety & Mission Reliability



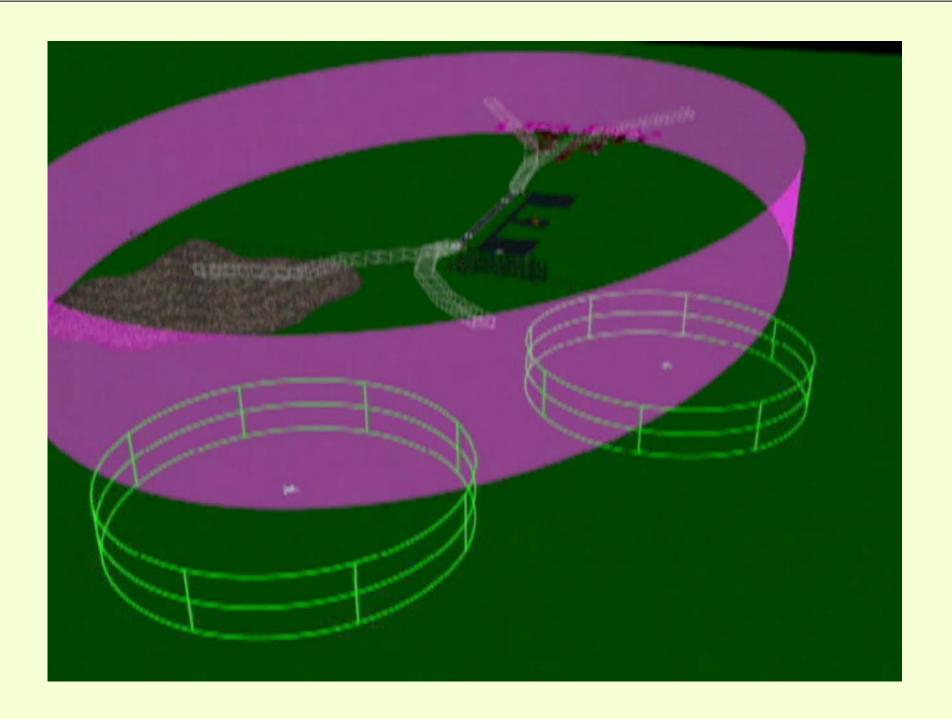
En Route Procedures & Systems for Integrated Fleet Operations



SATS Operating Capabilities



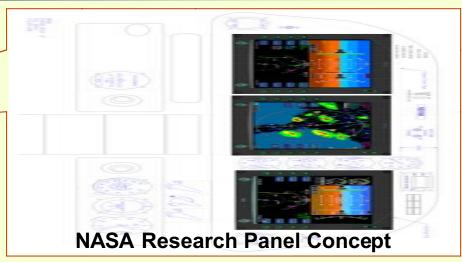
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SATS Research Aircraft







- Digital, all-electric cockpit system architecture
 - Dual avionics computer resources, databus, reversionary displays, and redundant power sources
 - Fully integrated IFR primary flight display (PFD)and multi-function display (MFD)
 - Digital radios / datalink for ADS-B, FIS-B, CPDLC, D-ATIS, AMM-Comm
 - GPS / DGPS / RNP RNAV
 - Synthetic vision-based terrain & obstacle graphics
 - Intuitive flight path guidance
- Research Software Development
 - Self-Separation: Conflict Alerting and Conflict Prevention Graphics (ASI, VSI, Nav-Hdg)
 - Sequencing software and graphics (Requested Time of Arrival RTA waypoints)
 - Self-Controlled Airspace "Rules of the Road"



Airborne Internet Preliminary Demonstration

Accomplishment

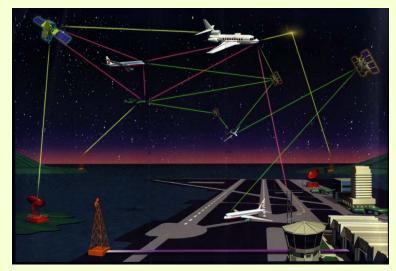
Demonstrated integrated communications, navigation, and surveillance architecture in lab testbed

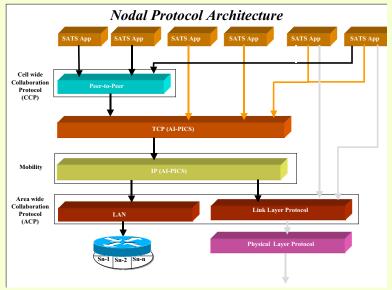
Benefits

- Mobile and policy-based routing
- Service priority communications
- Secure network communications
- Point-to-point, point-to-multipoint, and broadcast addressing
- Based on open standards and protocols.
- Minimizes number of radios and antennas on an aircraft—goal is single radio for all data communications

Plans

- Evaluate candidate communication architectures
- Plan flight evaluations in 2005
- Airborne Internet Consortium Development







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A Revolution in the Cost of Speed

Toyota

Honda







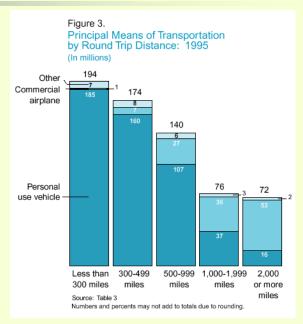




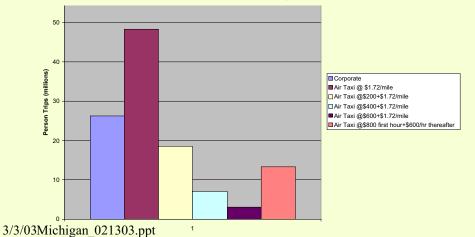


Future Aircraft Market Demand and Sensitivity Assessments

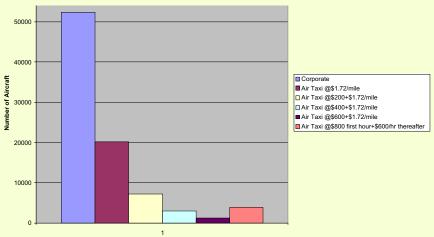
- Data Source 1995 American Travel Survey + 2000 US Census
- Tools Modified Integrated Air Transportation System Evaluation Tool (IATSET)
- Approach The IATSET is a macro economic model and predicts at a National level the mode choice between automobile, scheduled air, and on-demand air travel based on the value of a traveler's time and the monetary cost of the trip NASA CR 2002-211927.



Between 13 and 47 million trips at ~\$2/sm operating cost



Between 7,000 and 52,000 aircraft required to serve new markets





North Carolina Market Assessment for On-Demand Business Travel

Hub Communities: 25 Counties - 52% Population On-Demand Market: 75 Counties - 48% Population

Assumptions

- Business Travel
- 98% Accommodation @ ≤ 3 hours
- 175 fleet of Eclipse/Safire/Adam-class Jets
- \$1.85 per passenger ticket mile
- No weather impacts

Findings

- Case Study Analyses + Business Case Analyses + Assumptions =
 425 passengers/day demand at \$1.85 per passenger-seat mile
- Demand highest in communities most remote from commercial air service
- Air-taxi service best meets needs of surveyed likely business travelers
- Increased passenger volume allows higher profit margins and/or lower ticket prices and shorter accommodation intervals
- Advanced technology significantly reduces required ticket price

^{*} Ignores potential passenger demand from "hub communities", ignores passenger travel originating external to NC, ignores leisure and vacation travel demand, uses simplified dispatch strategy with no "optimization"



What Challenges Lie Ahead?

<u>Vehicle Systems</u>: A further revolution in the cost of vehicle speed is needed for:

- Shorter range, intra-urban, multi-point distributed mission (<100 miles)
- Mid-range, inter-city point-to-point missions (100-1,000 miles)
- Longer range (>2000 mile) high-speed point-to-point missions

<u>Airspace Systems: A further revolution in airborne and airspace technologies and procedures automation for reliable ubiquitous accessibility:</u>

- Intuitive display systems
- Intuitive control systems
- Intuitive NAS procedures







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Summary

 Studies reveal the cost and service thresholds for on-demand, widely distributed air travel alternatives to hub-and-spoke and highway travel may be reached with new generation aircraft and airspace technologies.

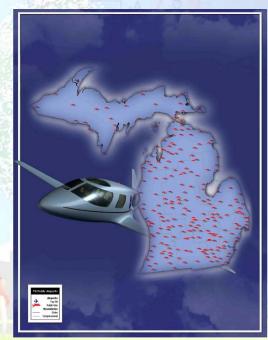
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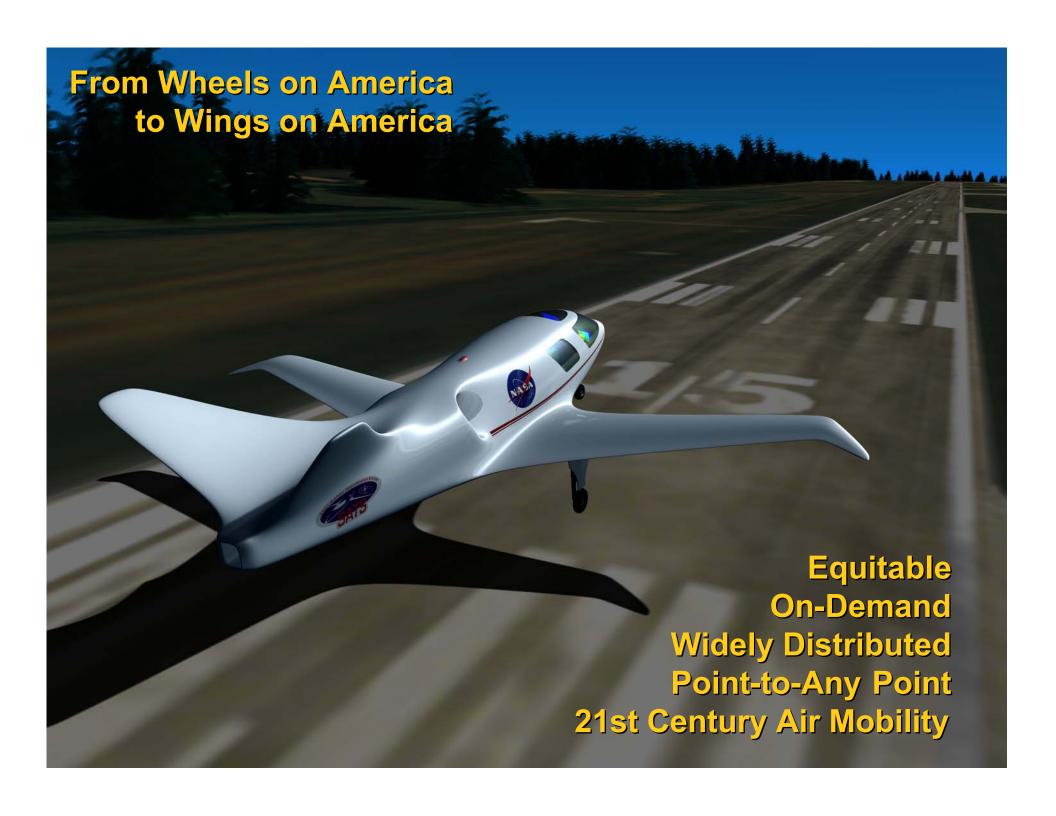
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SATSLab Members/Stakeholder Participation

	Southeast SATSLab Consortium, Inc.	Maryland Mid-Atlantic SATSLab	North Carolina & Upper Great Plains SATSLab	Virginia SATSLab Inc.
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